

ARTICLE 521
Snow Emergencies

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CROSS REFERENCES

Tire studs prohibited - see Vehicle Code 75 Pa. C.S.A. §4525(c)
Tire chains - see Vehicle Code 75 Pa. C.S.A. §4525(d)

521.01 DECLARATION OF PUBLIC POLICY AND SAFETY.

It is hereby declared to be in the best interest of the public policy and the public safety of the City to establish snow emergency routes on designated public streets. The City would regulate and restrict the parking of vehicles on snow emergency routes during declared snow emergencies.

(Ord. 10-1994 §1. Passed 9-20-94.)

521.02 APPLICABILITY.

Whenever the Mayor or his designated agent, hereinafter referred to as "Snow Emergency Coordinator", receives from a recognized weather forecasting service, a firm forecast of snow, sleet or freezing rain, he is authorized to declare that these snow emergency regulations will be in effect not less than two hours from the time announcement is made to the public in accordance with the requirements of Section 521.06.

(Ord. 10-1994 §1. Passed 9-20-94.)

521.03 SPECIAL SIGNS.

On each street or highway designated by Council as a snow emergency route in Section 521.10, the Snow Emergency Coordinator shall post special signs to this effect at intervals and places determined by the Police Traffic Safety Office and or required by law for the posting of signs prohibiting parking of vehicles.

(Ord. 10-1994 §1. Passed 9-20-94.)

521.04 SNOW EMERGENCY IN EFFECT.

While a snow emergency is in effect, and until such emergency has been declared by the Snow Emergency Coordinator to be terminated, no person shall park a motor vehicle on signed snow emergency routes. All parked motor vehicles violating the parking restrictions will be towed. Parking will be prohibited at City parking meters located on snow emergency routes during snow emergencies. Motor vehicles parked at such parking meters will be towed if the vehicle violates the parking restrictions.
(Ord. 10-1994 §1. Passed 9-20-94.)

521.05 PARKING PROHIBITED.

Whenever the Snow Emergency Coordinator finds that falling snow, sleet or freezing rain will create a condition which makes it necessary that the parking of motor vehicles on snow emergency routes be prohibited, or whenever he finds, on the basis of a firm forecast by the weather forecasting services aforesaid of snow, sleet or freezing rain, that the weather conditions as so forecast may create a condition making it necessary that such parking be prohibited, he is authorized to announce such a prohibition, to become effective not less than two hours after such announcement, at a time to be specified by the Snow Emergency Coordinator. Announcement of such prohibition shall be in accordance with the requirements of Section 521.06. After the effective time of such prohibition, no person shall park any vehicle or permit any vehicle to remain parked on a snow emergency route, except that the Snow Emergency Coordinator has not announced prior to 11:00 p.m., that parking on snow emergency routes is to be prohibited after a specified time, a vehicle parked on a snow emergency route may remain so parked until 8:00 a.m. The prohibition of parking announced by the Snow Emergency Coordinator under the authority of this section shall remain in effect until the Snow Emergency Coordinator announces the termination of the snow emergency, in part or whole, or until the roadway of an entire block of a snow emergency route street is substantially clear of snow from curb to curb, whichever first occurs, after which the prohibition of parking authorized by this section shall no longer be in effect.
(Ord. 10-1994 §1. Passed 9-20-94.)

521.051 TOWING AND STORAGE OF VEHICLES.

Owners or operators who fail to obey the snow emergency signs and the declaration, pursuant to this article, or who interfere with City employees, agents or contractors in the discharge of their snow removal duties or performance of their contracts, shall have their vehicle towed at the owner's or operator's expense.

Towing and storage fees, as set by the towing contract, shall be paid to the towing contractor by the vehicle owner or operator before the owner of such vehicle, or authorized person, shall be permitted to repossess or secure the release of the vehicle. Vehicles unclaimed within sixty days of towing and storage shall be deemed abandoned and subject to disposal as such in the manner authorized by law.

(Ord. 10-1994 §1. Passed 9-20-94.)

521.052 IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT.

This article shall be enforced by the Snow Emergency Coordinator and other snow removal personnel and contractors which shall have authority to implement the parking enforcement provisions thereof during snow emergencies.
(Ord. 10-1994 §1. Passed 9-20-94.)

521.06 ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The commencement of or termination of each snow emergency shall be announced by the Snow Emergency Coordinator. Such announcement shall be made between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. by means of broadcast or telecasts from not less than two radio or television stations with a normal operating range covering the City, and shall, if possible, also be made through newspapers of general circulation. Each such announcement shall state the time these snow emergency regulations become or will become effective.

The snow emergency announcement is the fair warning motor vehicle owners and operators will receive before the towing of vehicles commences.
(Ord. 10-1994 §1. Passed 9-20-94.)

521.07 DECLARATIONS.

Nothing in this article shall operate to prevent the Snow Emergency Coordinator from stating in advance of 6:00 a.m. his intention to declare a snow emergency at or after that time, nor shall anything herein contained operate to prevent the Snow Emergency Coordinator from announcing, through the means set forth in Section 521.06 that he has not declared a snow emergency.
(Ord. 10-1994 §1. Passed 9-20-94.)

521.08 TERMINATION OF EMERGENCY.

Whenever the Snow Emergency Coordinator finds that some or all of the conditions which gave rise to the snow emergency no longer exist, he is authorized to declare the termination of the emergency, in part or whole, effective immediately upon announcement, except that if such announcement by the Snow Emergency Coordinator, whenever the roadway of an entire block of any snow emergency route is substantially clear of snow from curb to curb, the parking of vehicles is authorized at those times when parking normally is permitted on such street.
(Ord. 10-1994 §1. Passed 9-20-94.)

521.09 RECORD.

The Snow Emergency Coordinator shall make or cause to be made a record of the date and time on which the declaration of a snow emergency or the announcement of a parking prohibition is first made to the public, in accordance with the requirement of Section 521.06, and the date, time and conditions of any announcement made to the public of the termination of a snow emergency, either in part or in whole, in accordance with the requirements of Section 521.08.
(Ord. 10-1994 §1. Passed 9-20-94.)

521.10 SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES.

The following streets or portion thereof within the City are designated as snow emergency routes:

- (a) Market Street, City limit to City limit;
 - (b) Philadelphia Street, City limit to Carlisle Avenue;
 - (c) Queen Street, City limit to Arch Street;
 - (d) George Street, City limit to City limit;
 - (e) Princess Street, City limit to City limit;
 - (f) Duke Street from Jackson Street to North Street;
 - (g) King Street, Beaver Street to George Street;
 - (h) Beaver Street from North Street to College Avenue.
- (Ord. 23-2000. Passed 12-5-00.)

521.99 PENALTY.

Notwithstanding any other remedies provided for herein, whoever violates any provision of this article shall upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and in default of payment thereof, shall be imprisoned for not more than ninety days (90 days). Any person accused of a violation of any provision hereunder may settle the claim for such violation by paying to the City, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) within forty-eight hours of the time such alleged violation was committed. However, the maximum amount of fine and imprisonment imposed shall not be greater than the fine or imprisonment provided for similar offenses by the Vehicle Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
(Ord. 1-2009. Passed 1-6-09.)